

The Park in the City Committee

4:00 p.m. - Wednesday, January 20, 2016

MacBain Community Centre

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

Pat Mascarin, Audrey Fraser, Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Curtis Thompson, Michal Lukac, Frank Fohr, Corey Barkman, Jeff Guarasci (Staff), Karl Dren (Staff), Marzenna Carrick (Staff)

Regrets:

John Anstruther, Paisley January-Pool, Elizabeth Manker, Janet Hassall, Councillor Mike Strange, Kenneth Groves, Brenda Hicks

Adoption of Minutes

The Park in the City Committee minutes from September 16, 2015.

IT WAS MOVED BY Michal Lukac, second by Curtis Thompson, that the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2015 be approved as written. Motion Carried.

Welcome

Transportation Department Staff conducted a presentation on lane widths and bike lanes. A concept bicycle lane pilot project along Victoria Avenue was discussed.

IT WAS MOVED BY Frank Fohr, 2nd by Curtis Thompson, that The Park in the City Committee supports the concept bicycle lane pilot project along Victoria Avenue. Motion Carried.

Events & Program

2016 Schedule of Events and Programs

The Committee has decided to move the April, 2016 meeting to Wednesday, November 16, 2016 with location and time being the same.

Transportation & Trails

Share The Road Application

The application will be submitted by Staff prior to February 29. An award ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20 at the Ontario Bike Summit in Toronto.

New Business

Trail Data Collecting

Michal Lukac proposed that committee members volunteer to conduct interviews with trail users at various trail locations at different times of the year. Michal will meet with staff to overview the new trail counters and discuss an online survey strategy.

Millennium Recreational Trail

The committee requested an update from staff to see the portion of trail between Swayze Avenue and the Millennium Recreational Trail – Niagara Falls Lions Legacy Pathway (that was removed from the initial design plan) will be considered to be added at a later date. Jeff will follow up with the appropriate city staff for comment.

Sponsorship

Staff made the committee aware that Tim Hortons will no longer sponsor the Green Events that the committee hosts annually. Tim Horton's has altered their strategy to spend their regional marketing budget dollars on national events/programs only. Smaller event expenses for store product will need to be covered by each individual owner.

Climate Change

Frank Fohr requested that staff consider applying to participate with the C40 Cities movement. This environmental leadership group is a network of cities around the world committed to addressing climate change. C40 supports cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change. Staff indicated that the information will be sent to the Mayor's office for review.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the MacBain Community Centre Boardroom.